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Short Answer: I urge to not settle.

Long answer: but very worthy of reading. simply explains

A conflict of interest arises if the company writing the operating system (OS) is the same company that writes applications (APPs). The intermingling of OS and APPs gives MS a huge unfair advantage. MS will argue that they are simply making their OS better. Do not be fooled by this. They can still do all of the features they want and include them in their OS.

Solution:

These additional functionalities to the OS are offered via the API (application program interface.) This published non-visible interface can then be used by all software application manufactures including MS to write software.

A good place to draw the boundary between OS and APP is where the code has a GUI (graphical user interface) or in laymen's terms if you can see it on the screen.

Any settlement should have a provision to address this problem.

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